


## WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

### HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

### PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling  
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009  
or  
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Kathy Lehman



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**August 26, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

## PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### \*INTROIT

*Spirit of God, Descend*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
Wean it from earth; through all it's pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
(#688)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsively)*

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**All: With a heart full of joy I came to be among the faithful.**

One: In this holy place we gather in God's presence.

**All: Let us pray and give thanks.**

### \*HYMN *Open Now the Gates of Beauty* #403

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We come into God's presence with good intentions. All too often we are distracted by our fears and our worries, our likes and our dislikes. Let us offer all that we bring to God.

**All: Merciful and loving God, you know the condition of our hearts, minds and spirits. Even as we gather to praise you, our attention wanders. We worry about things over which we have no control. We offer you our fretting and fussing, as well as our anxieties.**

**Forgive us and redirect us to the mercy and grace of your presence in and around us. Amen.**

## INTERFAITH PRIDE SERVICE

Next weekend is Pride weekend in the Twin Ports. A full listing of events can be found at [www.dspride.com](http://www.dspride.com). This year's interfaith worship will be Friday evening, August 31, at Temple Israel, 1602 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Duluth.

## United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

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### SUNDAY 8/26

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 Congregational Meeting

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### MONDAY 8/27

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

4:45 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting

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### TUESDAY 8/28

**1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline for September Issue**

Happy Birthday – Eric Rudge

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### WEDNESDAY 8/29

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Happy Birthday – Anna Downs

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

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### THURSDAY 8/30

**1:30 p.m. Quilting Group**

Happy Birthday – Abram Pauna  
Tylor Willoughby

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### FRIDAY 8/31

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

**UPBeat Mailing**

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### SATURDAY 9/1

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following today's worship for the purpose of electing a deacon to fulfill Rhoda Nielsen's term.

### MEETING THIS WEEK

**Quilting Group** Thursday, August 30 at 1:30 p.m.

### UPBEAT

The deadline for the September issue of the UPBeat is on Tuesday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m. Please submit all items for the newsletter to the church office in writing or by email. The mailing date for the UPBeat is Friday, August 31.

### MEMORIES

Do you have a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary memory to share? A story from the annals of our congregation's history? A reflection about what UPC has meant to you? David Waite would love to hear from you! He's compiling memories and reflections to be shared during UPC's anniversary celebration October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your comments in writing to him no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>, and sooner is even better! Give your submission to him in person, mail them, drop them in the church office with his name attached, or email to [waitedavid@aol.com](mailto:waitedavid@aol.com). Maximum length, 300 words.

### BIBLE STUDY

UPC is offering a monthly Bible study for adults, God's Promise: I am With You. Groups will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, September-May. Jan Letsos is facilitating a group at 9:00 a.m. and Mary Voss is facilitating a group at 6:30 p.m. Come to either group—even if your travel plans mean missing some months, come when you can!

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We will not wander beyond God's presence. God is here. God is also wherever our hearts and minds and spirits roam. Where there is brokenness, God is. Where there is pain, God is. Where there is fear, God is there, also.

**All: Thanks be to God. Though Jesus Christ, our Lord, God's love and forgiveness surrounds us and embraces us. The peace of Christ is with us.**

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\*HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

### READING FROM THE PSALTER from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;**

One: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

**All: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself at your altars, O Lord of hosts.**

One: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

**All: A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

One: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

*Prayer cards may be given to usher to be brought forward.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 8, selected verses

Fran Brice

**\*SPECIAL MUSIC** Jane Wester and Sandy LeMieux

**SERMON** Rev. Charlotte Frantz

**\*HYMN** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord #310

**OFFERING**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** PW National Gathering

**OFFERTORY**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

A grateful heart is what I bring,  
A song of praise, my offering,  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you,  
In you, O God, I will rejoice. (#652)

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us honor God in the giving of these gifts.  
All: Bless these gifts, O God, that they may be used  
to enhance the work of this congregation. Let this  
be known as a community where your Spirit is  
present in word and deed. Amen.

**TIME FOR PRAYER**

**PRAYERS TO BE SHARED**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy  
name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on  
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and  
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise #12

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: As you leave this place, may the living Lord Jesus go  
with you.

All: **May the Lord Jesus go behind you to encourage  
you,  
Beside you to befriend you  
Above you to watch over you  
Beneath you to lift you from your sorrow,  
Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope  
and joy,**

One: And always, may the living Lord Jesus go before you to  
show you the way.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

